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November 1, 1988

Mr. Lowell Braxton  
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
355 West North Temple  
3 Triad Center, Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton,

Our current schedule calls for mining operations to end by December 30, 1988. Milling of surface stockpiled ore will continue until the third or fourth quarter of 1990.

Our present plan is to complete the bulk of our reclamation work at the end of milling. For the purposes of planning, we would like to request a preliminary inspection and discuss our proposals and your requirements.

Once the scope of the required reclamation is defined and specific methods approved we can plan for cost effective and timely reclamation.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Scott N. Hartman  
Unit Manager  
Hecla Mining Company  
Escalante Unit